

# CURRICULUM PROPOSAL

## APPROVAL PAGE

Proposal Title: Add Upper-Division AFST Courses to Block Electives (Humanities)

College: Liberal Arts      Department: African American Studies / History

**DEPARTMENT CHAIR-** Dr. Brandon James Render, African American Studies Program Director

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I have read the enclosed proposal and approve this proposal on behalf of the department.

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Signature

Date

**COLLEGE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE CHAIR –** Dr. Selfa A. Chew Meléndez

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I have read the enclosed documents and approve the proposal on behalf of the college curriculum committee.

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Signature

Date

**COLLEGE DEAN –** Associate Dean Dr. Charles Boehmer

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I have read the enclosed documents and approve the proposal on behalf of the college. I certify that the necessary funds will be allocated by the college in support of this proposal.

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Signature

Date

# CURRICULUM CHANGE MEMO

**Date:** April 6, 2026  
**From:** Dr. Brandon James Render  
**Through:** N/A  
**Through:** Dr. Charles Boehmer, Associate Dean  
**To:** Dr. Selfa A. Chew Meléndez, Liberal Arts College Curriculum Committee Chair

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## Course name and number

N/A

## Course category

- Fine and Performing Arts
- Humanities
- Social and Behavioral Sciences

## Action Needed

- Add course to Block Electives
- Remove course from Block Electives

## Proposed Effective Date

April 6, 2026 (or as soon as possible)

## Rationale

Adding Humanities courses in African American Studies as a block elective will increase student enrollment from non-African American Studies minors and increase the number of courses available to students seeking a block elective credit.

The following courses should be added to the list of block electives:

AFST 3300 – African American Leaders of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century  
AFST 3301 – The Modern Civil Rights Movement  
AFST 3302 – African American Women and the Black Freedom Movement  
AFST 3303 – Theories in African American Studies  
AFST 3304 – African Philosophy  
AFST 3305 – Debates in Black Studies  
AFST 3306 – Black Intellectual Thought  
AFST 3351 – Afro-Mexico  
AFST 3352 – African Diasporas-Latin America  
AFST 3354 – Black Women of the Americas  
AFST 4304 – Environmental Justice and Minority Communities U.S.